AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A coloring method of a tangible matter having a polyamide bond, comprising: treating the tangible matter having a polyamide bond with an aqueous solution ~~containing~~ consisting essentially of an aromatic derivative having one or more hydroxyl groups, one or more dyeing assistant agents and a metal salt, at a temperature of 40°C or more, wherein the tangible matter having a polyamide bond is treated with an aromatic derivative and a metal salt either simultaneously or separately.

2. (Original) The coloring method of a tangible matter according to claim 1, wherein the aromatic derivative having one or more hydroxyl groups is dihydroxybenzoic acid, dihydroxybenzaldehyde, trihydroxybenzoic acid, trihydroxybenzaldehyde or tannic acid.

3. (Original) The coloring method of a tangible matter according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the metal salt is an iron salt.

4. (Previously Presented) A tangible matter having a polyamide bond which is colored by using the method according to claim 1.

5. (New) A coloring method of a tangible matter having a polyamide bond, comprising treating the tangible matter having a polyamide bond with an aqueous solution comprising an

aromatic derivative having one or more hydroxyl groups and a metal salt at a temperature of 40°C or more, simultaneously or separately, wherein said solution comprises no dye.

6. (New) The coloring method of claim 5, wherein said aromatic derivative is selected from at least one of the group consisting of: hydroxybenzoic acid, hydroxybenzaldehyde, dihydroxybenzene, dihydroxybenzoic acid, dihydroxybenzaldehyde, trihydroxybenzene, trihydroxybenzoic acid, trihydroxybenzaldehyde, tannic acid and esters and salts thereof.

7. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the treating steps are performed separately.

8. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the aromatic compound is present at from 0.01 to 15 wt %.

9. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the dyeing assistant agent is selected from the group consisting of a penetrating agent, a fatliquoring agent and a pH adjustor.